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SUBJECT: CIA ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN

SUMMARY. PAST TWO DAYS HAVE SEEN A FLURRY OF REPORTING
ON ALLEGED CIA ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN, MOSTLY STIMULATED
BY RELEASE OF SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT IN WASHINGTON.
GOJ WAS QUESTIONED ON CIA IN APRIL 27 DIET SESSION.
PRESS COVERED SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT EXTENSIVELY AND
FONOFF REACTION TO ALLEGATIONS THAT US BASES HAD BEEN
USED FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON AND DIET INTERPELLATIONS
GAVE NEW LIFE TO COVERAGE OF CIA AND OTHER US INTELLIGENCE
ACTIVITIES IN APRIL 27 EVENING AND APRIL 28 MORNING
PRESS.

2. FOLLOWING IS APRIL 27 UPPER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE
EXCHANGE ON CIA BETWEEN (JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY) JCP'S KOICHIRO
UEDA AND GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN (ROUGH TRANSLATION FROM ASAHI
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TRANSCRIPT):

UEDA: THERE IS SUSPICION THAT IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE CIA ARE IN JAPAN. SHOULDN'T THEY BE ASKED TO LEAVE?

FONMIN MIYAZAWA: ORGANIZED CIA ACTIVITIES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN JAPAN AND THIS HAS BEEN THE POLICY UP UNTIL NOW. WHETHER ONE IS A MEMBER OF CIA OR NOT, IF A FOREIGN DIPLOMAT DOES SOMETHING OFFENSIVE TO JAPANESE SOVEREIGNTY, WE WILL DECLARE HIM PERSONA NON GRATA AND ASK HIM TO LEAVE JAPAN.

UEDA: WILL YOU NOT INVESTIGATE?

FONMIN: IF THERE SHOULD BE A CONCRETE ILLEGAL ACT WHICH DAMAGES THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE, WE COULD LODGE A COMPLAINT. ASIDE FROM THIS, WE INTEND TO DO NOTHING.

UEDA: FORMER HIGH-RANKING STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL HILLSMAN SAID THAT THE CIA GAVE MONEY TO ONE OR MORE POLITICAL PARTIES IN JAPAN. IF IT WAS THE RULING PARTY THAT RECEIVED THE MONEY, WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO?

PRIMIN MIKI: AS THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS QUESTION, WE HAVE QUESTIONED ALL OF THE FORMER LDP FINANCE CHAIRMEN, AND FOUND THAT CIA MONEY HAS DEFINITELY NEVER FLOWED TO THE LDP.

UEDA: IS NOT THE FONMIN EXCHANGING INFORMATION WITH CIA PERSONNEL?

FONMIN: IT IS NOT.

UEDA: HOW ABOUT THE CABINET RESEARCH OFFICE (CRO)?

CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY IDE: ABSOLUTELY NOT.

UEDA: I HAVE A 1955 CRO DOCUMENT. REGISTERED NUMBER 129, CASE NUMBER 36. IN THIS DOCUMENT IS WRITTEN THAT LIAISON SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS: CIA, CIC, OSI, ONI, OTHER US INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS AND AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS.

IDE: THE PRESENT CRO WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1957.

UEDA: HOW ABOUTS ITS PREDECESSOR?

IDE: WITHIN THE PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE (PMO) THERE WAS "SECRETARIAT RESEARCH CHAMBER."

UEDA: THE ORGANIZATION I SPOKE OF WAS THE ONE AT THAT TIME, IS THERE ANY CONTINUITY?

PMO GENERAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR UEKI: I WILL INQUIRE ABOUT THINGS AT THAT TIME.

UEDA: ARE NOT THE SELF DEFENSE FORCES SECRETLY COOPERATING WITH THE CIA, KCIA, ETC\$571'3 '3//2
84GEN SAKATA: THE JDA HAS ABSOLUTELY NO RELATIONS WITH THE CIA OR KCIA.
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3. BUDGET COMMITTEE EXCHANGES ON 500 MI ACTIVITIES IS BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.

4. WASHINGTON DATELINE APRIL 27 EVENING PRESS ACCOUNTS OF RELEASE OF SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES TENDED TO FOCUS ON CIA BACKING OF AIR AMERICA, CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT, SOUTHERN AIR TRANSPORT, ETC., AND USE

BY AIR AMERICA AND SAT OF TACHIKAWA AIR BASE IN THE 1960S. AS A BASE FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS. ACCOUNTS ALSO REFERRED TO OPERATION "DERBY HAT" WHICH SENATE REPORT STATES WAS CONDUCTED IN FAR EAST AND SPECULATES WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE RELATED TO PREVIOUSLY ALLEGED CIA EXPERIMENTATION WITH LSD ON HUMANS AT ATSUGI NAS (TOKYO 4979). (TOKYO TEXT OF YOMIURI ACCOUNT IS CARRIED BY FBIS.)

5. APRIL 28 YOMIURI ALSO CARRIES REPORT THAT FONMIN HAS OPENED AN INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS BY SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT THAT TACHIKAWA HAD BEEN USED AS BASE FOR CIA OPERATIONS IN ASIA. REPORT ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT FONMIN DID NOT INTEND TO SEEK ASSISTANCE OF US AUTHORITIES IN DOING SO.

6. IN A RELATED STORY, APRIL 28 YOMIURI CARRIES REPORT FROM WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT TAKAHAMA WHICH REPORTS DISCOVERY OF A "CONFESSION" OF FORMER ARMY CAPTAIN, RICHARD C. NAGEL (PHONETIC), WHO HAD BEEN STATIONED IN JAPAN AND ROK FROM 1956-58, ALLEGEDLY UNDER CIA DIRECTION. ACCORDING TO NAGEL, THE CIA INDIRECTLY ASSISTED IN THE PLAN TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT RHEE IN OCTOBER 1956 AND ASSISTED MANY AGENTS IN SURREPTITIOUS ENTRIES INTO JAPAN, USING FALSE US PASSPORTS. REPORT ALLEGES THAT NAGEL BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD WHILE IN JAPAN AND THAT HE KNEW OF KENNEDY ASSASSINATION BEFOREHAND. (FULL TEXT BY FBIS)

7. IN AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN APRIL 28 JAPAN TIMES, BUT NOT IN JAPANESE PRESS, TOKYO BUSINESS EXECUTIVE HYAKUSABURO IKEDA, ALLEGES THAT HE TRAVELLED TO CHINA IN 1950 AS AN AGENT FOR A US INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, PURPORTEDLY TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF US POWS. ACCORDING TO IKEDA, HE AND SEVERAL OTHERS DEPARTED FOR CHINA IN DECEMBER 1950 AND WERE ARRESTED BY CHINESE AUTHORITIES IN JANUARY 1951, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPRISONED FOR SIX AND A HALF YEARS. IKEDA SAID THAT THE OPERATION WAS DIRECTED BY G-2 OF GHQ AND RELATED TO THE ACTIVITIES OF YOSHIO KODAMA.

8. COMMENT. DESPITE EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE OF WASHINGTON REPORTS OF US INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, THERE HAS BEEN REMARKABLY LITTLE COMMENT THUS FAR. WASHINGTON REPORTS PROVIDE EXCELLENT AMMUNITION FOR JCP ATTACKS ON THE GOVERNMENT IN THE DIET, HOWEVER, AND JCP WILL TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO USE THEM TO ADVANTAGE. CIA ISSUE WAS NOT RAISED IN HIGH-EXPOSURE APRIL 28 UPPER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE SESSION AND ONLY ONE MORE DAY REMAINS TO UTILIZE THIS FORUM. ISSUE COULD CONCEIVABLY BE RAISED IN OTHER COMMITTEE HEARINGS, HOWEVER, WHICH RECEIVE LESS PUBLICITY AND ARE NOT SCHEDULED TO RESUME UNTIL AFTER MAY HOLIDAYS.

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